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INFORMATION AS TO EUROPEAN AND INDIAN GENTLEMEN
WHO HAVE HAD THE HONOUR OF INTERVIEWS WITH HIS
EXCELLENCY SIR GEORGE STANLEY, 1934.

Abdul Qadir, Sir, Kt.—Was a Minister for Education to the Governor of the Punjab. Was President of the Punjab Legislative Council for a short period. A retired Judge of the Lahore High Court.

Member-designate of the Secretary of State's Council.

[26-5-34.]

Ainscough, Sir Thomas, Kt., C. B. E.—Is His Majesty's Senior Trade Commissioner for India and Ceylon. Will speak to His Excellency about the Lancashire interests.

[19-6-34.]

Banerjee, Pandit Atul Chandra.—Is President of the Editorial Board of the Sree Gaudiya Math.

The Pandit is a follower of the reformed sect of Hindus whose founder was Chaitanya (born 1485 A. D.). Their central place of worship (the birth-place of Chaitanya) is in Bengal, but they have a network of Temples and *Maths* (centres of social and religious work) in many places in India. The sect, though numerically small, is held in great respect. Its teaching centres mainly round the gospel of divine love. The Society are very loyal and anxious to be helpful.

His Excellency, while he was Governor of Madras, was pleased to lay the foundation stone of the Madras Branch of the Gaudiya Math when the Pandit presented His Excellency with an address.

His Excellency Sir Malcolm Hailey also laid the foundation stone of the Allahabad Branch of the *math*.

The London Branch of the *math* was inaugurated under the Presidency of the Marquess of Zetland. Viscount Goschen, Lord Lamington, Lady Stanley Jackson and Sir Francis Ycunghusband are Vice-Presidents of the Gaudiya Mission Society in London.

[31-5-34.]

Bolam, Lieutenant J. A. V.—4th Battalion, 16th Punjab Regiment.

Is a candidate for the Political Department.

[6-7-34.]

Chapman, Mr. J. A.—Was for a long time Librarian of the Imperial Library of Calcutta. Was in charge of the cataloguing of the Rampur State Library. Was tutor to the Raja of Mahmudabad's sons.

Is a queer and unpractical man but with real literary instincts.

[11-6-34.]

Charanjit Singh, The Hon'ble Raja.—Is a nominated non-official Member of the Council of State.

Is a cousin of the Maharaja of Kapurthala. He received large allowances from the Kapurthala State under the orders of the Secretary of State.

His father, the late Kunwar Suchet Singh, rendered valuable services to Government during the Mutiny and received a *Khilat* from the Supreme Government.

Has the great merit of always attending the Council of State meetings and invariably voting for Government.

[9-6-34.]

Chetty, The Hon'ble Sir Shanmukham, K. C. I. E.—Is President of the Legislative Assembly.

[15-7-34.]

Chhatari, Captain Nawab Sir Muhammad Ahmad Said Khan, K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E., M. B. E., of—. A landholder in the United Provinces. Was Home Member of the Executive Council of the Governor of the United Provinces. Was a delegate to the Round Table Conference. Twice officiated as Governor of the United Provinces.

[13-8-34.]

Churchill, Captain E. G. Spencer.—

[16-6-34.]

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Dera, Major Nawab Ahmad Nawaz Khan, C. I. E., O. B. E., of—.
Is a nominated non-official Member of the Legislative Assembly from the North-West Frontier Province.

[10-8-34.]

Dinajpur, The Hon'ble Maharaja Jagadish Nath Ray, of—. Is a big landlord in Northern Bengal and a nominated non-official Member of the Council of State. He has not much political influence, but is a loyal citizen.

Was Member of the Bengal Legislative Council.

[15-8-34.]

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Ghuznavi, Mr. A. H.—Is an elected non-official Member of the Legislative Assembly and represents Dacca *cum* Mymensingh Muhammadan Rural Constituency. A landholder. Has some agency business in Calcutta. Is a shareholder in an estate in Mymensingh. Has good social standing. Attended the World Economic Conference. A returned delegate from the Round Table Conference.

[13-8-34.]

Hashmatullah Khān, Colonel Sir, Kt.—Is Home Member of the Council of Regency, Gwalior State.

Was made a Knight Bachelor in 1933. A great loyalist and admirer of the Indian Army which he is never tired of praising. Is keenly interested in the new Gwalior Industries of Pottery and Leather. Does not concern himself over much with Indian Politics.

[22-5-34.]

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Indore, His Highness Maharaja Shri Yeshwant Rao Holkar Bahadur, of—. Indore, which is one of the great Mahratta States and is the premier State in Central India, is historically and politically one of the most important States in India. The Ruling Prince enjoys a dynastic salute of 19 guns. The area of the State is about 10,000 square miles with a population of 13,18,237 souls and an annual average revenue of Rs. 1,36,00,000. The State maintains a considerable force of State troops, numbers of whom are mercenaries recruited from the martial races of the Punjab. The Maharaja received administrative training for about six months under Mr. C. U. Wills, C. I. E., a retired Commissioner of the Central Provinces. While in England he was appointed a member of the Round Table Conference. His Highness takes a keen interest in all games and sports. In February 1922 His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales visited Indore and was His Highness the *ex*-Maharaja's guest.

His Excellency will shortly be paying a visit to this State during his forthcoming monsoon tour.

[28-6-34.]

Iyengar, Mr. A. S.—Is Editor of the Associated Press of India and Special Correspondent of several newspapers in India including the *Justice* and the *Andhra Patrika* of Madras.

[28-5-34.]

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Keonthal, Raja Hamendar Sen, of—. Keonthal is a small Hill State situated near Simla town and ranks third amongst the Simla Hill States. The Station of Simla was formed by the acquisition of portions of Keonthal and Patiala, other land being given in exchange. Adjoining smaller Hill States like Koti, Theog, Madhan, Ghond and Ratesh are tributaries of the Keonthal State, though in many respects they are practically independent. On refusal of Keonthal Chief to pay a contribution towards the expenses of the Gurkha War, and as he had given no assistance to General Ochterlony, a portion of his territories was confiscated and made over to Patiala.

The Chief of Keonthal was once only a Rana, but in the Mutiny Rana Sansar Sen behaved loyally, giving shelter and hospitality to many Europeans who fled from Simla when it was feared that the Gurkha Regiment stationed there had become disloyal. The title of "Raja" was conferred upon him in 1858 for these services. The area of the State is 116 square miles with a population of 48,093 and an average annual revenue of Rs. 1,60,000.

The present Raja succeeded his father in 1916. He is now about 32 years of age. He issues invitations to the Viceroy to shoot pheasants in his State towards the end of every Simla season, and good sport is usually provided. Was educated at the Aitchison Chiefs' College at Lahore. Underwent some administrative training in the Punjab before receiving his powers. In spite of his stout appearance he is a good rider, and is fond of sporting dogs. His father took to drink. His relations with the Government of India are through the Punjab Government.

He will also talk to His Excellency about the case of his sister, the Rani of Vizianagram.

[5-6-34.]

Malerkotla, Lieut.-Colonel His Highness Nawab Sir Ahmad Ali Khan, K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E., of—. The State has an area of 168 square miles with a population of 80,322 souls and an annual average revenue of Rs. 14,69,000.

The Malerkotla family are Sherwani Afghans, and came from Kabul in 1467 as officials of the Delhi Emperors. Their ancestor, Shaikh Sadr-ud-din, received a gift of 68 villages near Ludhiana when he married the daughter of Sultan Bahlol Lodi. The title of Nawab was conferred in 1657 upon Bazid Khan by Shah Alamgir. The family subsequently suffered many vicissitudes, being at one time stripped by the Sikhs of all their possessions except a few villages in the vicinity of Malerkotla. The State assisted the British Government during the Gurkha War in the Simla Hills, and furnished a contingent of 700 foot in the Sutlej Campaign of 1846. Malerkotla ranks tenth in order of precedence amongst the Indian States in the Punjab.

The present Ruler, Nawab Sir Ahmad Ali Khan, K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E., succeeded his father and was formally installed and invested with ruling powers by the Lieutenant-Governor on the 5th January 1909. The Nawab was present at the Imperial Coronation Durbar held at Delhi in December 1911, and at the ceremonial connected with the State Entry of His Excellency the Viceroy into Delhi on the 23rd December 1912. On the outbreak of the War the Nawab offered his State Sappers and the resources of his State. His Highness contributed generously to the various War Funds and made a munificent donation towards the expenses of the Indian Expeditionary Force besides helping in various other ways. The Nawab was made a K. C. S. I. on the 3rd June 1915, and Honorary Major on the 14th June 1916, Lieutenant-Colonel on the 31st December 1919 and a K. C. I. E. on the 1st January 1921.

The State contributed 8 lakhs of rupees towards the cost of Ludhiana-Dhuri-Jakhal Railway, which was opened for traffic in 1901.

The Malerkotla Sappers rendered good service during the Tirah Campaign of 1897 and their work in China in 1901 was most favourably reported on.

The Revenue Settlement of the State was completed during the year 1912-13.

In December 1913 the State was transferred from the political charge of the Commissioner, Jullundur Division, to that of the Political Agent, Bahawalpur Agency, and on the 1st November 1921 it was placed in the political charge of the Agent to the Governor-General, Punjab States.

[1-6-34, 16-8-34.]

Mehra, Rai Sahib Labh Chand.—Is a nominated non-official Member of the Punjab Legislative Council and an Honorary Magistrate of Amritsar.

Has recently been created a Provincial Durbari.

[29-6-34.]

Mody, Mr. H. P.—Is an elected non-official Member of the Legislative Assembly and represents Bombay Millowners' Association—Indian Commerce.

A returned delegate from the Round Table Conference.

Attended the discussions in London on the Reserve Bank and Statutory Railway Board. Had the honour of dining at the Viceroy's House on 17th February 1932.

Was a prominent figure in the recent negotiations with the Lancashire Delegation regarding the Indo-Lancashire Pact.

[19-7-34.]

Mohammed Yakub, Maulvi Sir, Kt.—Is an elected non-official Member of the Legislative Assembly and represents Rohilkund and Kumaon Divisions Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Belongs to the Nationalist Party with moderate views, but his views on communal questions are strong. Was Deputy President of the Legislative Assembly and President in the 1930 autumn session. Was a Member of the Indian Franchise Committee. Is a Pleader by profession.

[11-7-34.]

Muazzam Sahib Bahadur, Mohammad.—Is an elected non-official Member of the Legislative Assembly and represents North Madras Muhammadan Constituency.

[8-8-34.]

Mudaliar, M. R. Ry. Diwan Bahadur A. Ramaswami.—Is an elected non-official Member of the Legislative Assembly and represents the Madras non-Muhammadan Urban Constituency. Is President of the Madras District Educational Council. A returned delegate from the Round Table Conference.

[14-8-34.]

Mujumdar, Sardar G. N.—Is an elected non-official Member of the Legislative Assembly and represents Gujarat and Deccan Sardars and Inamdars Landholders Constituency. Is a Jahagirdar and a first class Sardar of the Deccan.

[8-8-34.]

Narasimha Raju Garu, Rao Bahadur C. V. S.—Was President of the Madras Legislative Council, 1927—29. Attended the Sugar Conference, 1933. Has come up to Simla to attend the Crop Planning Conference.

[7-6-34.]

Padshah, The Hon'ble Mr. Saiyad Mohamed.—Is an elected non-official Member of the Council of State and represents Madras Muhammadan Constituency. Is an Advocate.

[16-8-34.]

Palat, Mr. B. N.—Is a Barrister-at-Law and Member of the Madras Legislative Council representing the West Coast Landholders Constituency. Is President of the Malabar District Board. Is son of the late Sir Sankaran Nair.

[19-6-34.]

Pandian, M. R. Ry. B. Rajaram.—Is an elected non-official Member of the Legislative Assembly and represents Madura and Ramnad *cum* Tinnevely non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

[14-8-34.]

Parkes, Mr. B. W., I. C. S.—Is Assistant Commissioner, Rohtak.

[15-6-34.]

Pattani, Sir Prabhashankur, K. C. I. E.—Is President of the Council of Administration, Bhavnagar State. Was formerly Member of the Governor of Bombay's Executive Council (during His Excellency Lord Willingdon's tenure of office), 1912—17. Member of the India Council, 1917—19.

Went last year as Delegate from the Indian States to the J. S. C. Consultations. Was taken ill at Aden on the way to England and very nearly died, but recovered in time to attend the final Consultations. Will talk about the Bhavnagar Port Case.

[22-5-34.]

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Rajah, Rao Bahadur M. C.—Is a nominated non-official Member of the Legislative Assembly and represents the Depressed Classes. Intelligent, but takes no part in debates.

[14-8-34.]

Rau, Mr. R. L.—Is special Representative and Correspondent of the *Hindu*, Madras.

[28-5-34.]

Russell, Mr. Edward.—

[16-6-34.]

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Sarma, Mr. R. S., C. I. E.—Is a nominated non-official Member of the Legislative Assembly from Bengal.

Is Editor of *The Whip*—a Bengal anti-terrorist paper under the ægis of Government.

[10-8-34.]

Sethi, Mr. G. R.—Is a Municipal Commissioner of Amritsar and a Notary Public. Has been very useful to the Punjab Government in connection with anti-Akali propaganda. Has been of considerable use in publicity work and is intelligent in political matters. Was at one time a member of the *Civil & Military Gazette* Staff.

[27-6-34.]

Sondhi, Mr. G. D.—Is Honorary Secretary of the Indian Olympic Association and Member of the International Olympic Committee. His Excellency is patron of the Olympic Association.

Will try to enlist His Excellency's patronage and personal interest in the participation of India in the British Empire games that are to take place in London next August. These games are directly under the patronage of His Majesty the King-Emperor.

[5-6-34.]

Tandon, Rai Bahadur Seth Onkar Nath.—Is one of the Taluqdars of Oudh. Has had interviews with the Earl and Countess of Willingdon.

[19-5-34.]

Vizianagram, The Dowager Rani of—. Will speak to His Excellency about Vizianagram affairs.

Will be accompanied by the Maharaj Kumar of Vizianagram.

[9-8-34.]

Yusuf, The Hon'ble Nawab Sir Muhammad, Kt.—Is Minister to the Governor of the United Provinces for Local Self-Government.

Son of the late Nawab Mohd. Abdul Majid, c. i. e., and a cousin of the Nawab of Chhatari. Educated in India, but called to the English Bar in 1914. Is Chairman of the Agra Province Agricultural Association. A consistently loyal Muslim and a strong opponent to all Congress activities.

[9-7-34.]

